ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

TOO many ambulances and fire trucks have come to grief in recent months.

I don't know what caused any particular accident. But the commonest trouble is that people won't get out of the way.

At the sound of the siren and the appearance of the red flashing light, motorists are ordered by law to pull over, halt and make room for the emergency vehicle to pass.

They are supposed to stop even if the vehicle is coming toward them, on the other side of the road.

I asked Fire Chief Joseph Law of Saanich what he thought.

"They're looking for trouble when they switch the lights to red and have emergency vehicles go through on a red light," he said. "It stops traffic everywhere, and clogs the road."

Saanich's only traffic light, at Burnside and Trans-Canada Highway, is radio-controlled. Emergency vehicles go through it on a green light. In the city, lights turn to red.

But the main trouble, Chief Law says, is that people won't pull over. Many of them don't seem to know that they should. Others don't care.

The solution? Stricter enforcement. Enlist the aid of the public in turning in offenders. And, perhaps, as Chief Law says, switch the lights to green for the emergency vehicle to go through.

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Canada does not yet have a humane killing law. Many of our food animals are still being tortured to death. But at least one meat-packing company has put in humane killing equipment without waiting for compulsion.

Canada Packers, Ltd., has installed in its Toronto plant a hog-immobilizer to make pigs unconscious. The same equipment will be installed in the firm's other plants across Canada as soon as it arrives from Denmark, where it is made.

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Garry Hughes, one-time Victoria printer, is doing well as a musical arranger in England.

He said in a letter to a Victoria resident that "Mike Todd's Broadway," a long-playing record which he arranged, is now on the market.

"It was a wonderful orchestra," Mr. Hughes wrote, "with about 40 strings, Ted Heath's, brass and saxophone sections, three French horns, two flutes and an oboe, harp, three percussion (timps, drums, xylophones, cymbals, vibraphones—the works), eight female voices (not really disembodied—their owners were present, and very nice to see, some of them) and a tap dancer.

"A chap we know is writing the book for a musical (stage type) and I am doing the music. It's a trivial thing, and we don't know yet even if we will be able to get it produced . . . Of course one lives in hopes. I'm doing the lyrics, too, for the most part. We haven't as yet got hold of a choreographer, and nowadays he is as important, from the audience's point of view, as anybody involved."

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes left Victoria two years ago because they felt that opportunities in the musical and entertainment world were meagre.

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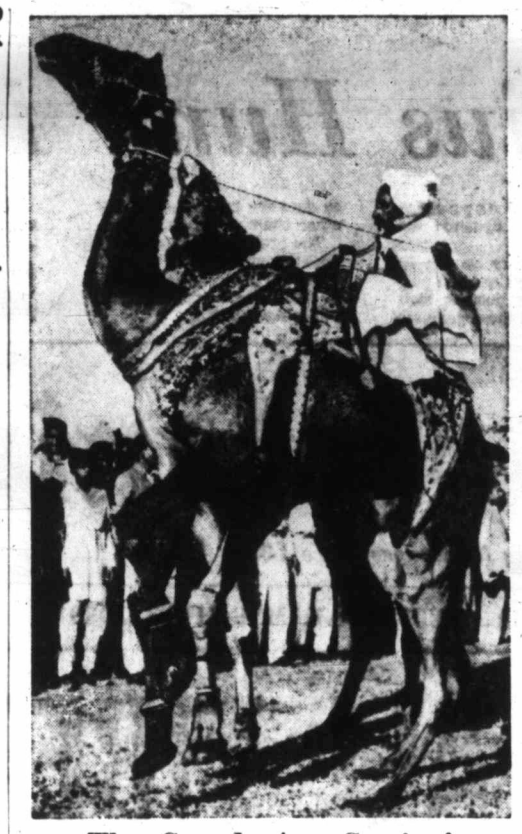
From time to time I have read a fair amount of science fiction. The recent stories are well documented and scientifically accurate, I'm sure.

But for vivid human coloring and pure terror, "The War of the Worlds," by H. G. Wells, is hard to beat. I came across it recently in one of those midget paper-covered editions that were put out for the U.S. armed forces; and I couldn't stop reading.

It's about an invasion of the earth by strange creatures from Mars—so hackneyed a science fiction theme that the modern writers won't touch it. But I found it engrossing.

Wellsian social criticism and propaganda is woven into the fabric of the story. One of the characters is a rather unfairly-drawn clergyman who turns into a blubbering ninny in the face of danger. He is not a convincing character.

What fantasies Wells might conjure up for us today! Modern crop of science-fiction writers seem dried up and inhuman by contrast to Wells in his inter-planetary mood.



The Camels Are Coming!

In almost perfect unison, two gaily-decorated camels are stepping it off to the beat of a drum at the National Horse and Cattle Show in Lahore, Pakistan. More than 60,000 persons watched the show, although not all of them were lucky enough to see these well-trained animals and their almost perfect synchronization.

Gigantic Rescue Bid Called Off

Cave Vise His Grave

CASTLETON, England (UPI) — Two exhausted doctors leaned over the gloomy, poisonous-smelling edge of a crevice named the "Devil's Hole" yesterday listening to the labored breathing of trapped Oxford student Neil Moss. Suddenly the noise stopped.

Forty hours after the 20-year-old youth had entered the gaping mouth of the peak cavern to explore its dank subterranean passages, the foul air moving listlessly about his head had snuffed out his life.

He had spent two days 1,000 feet below the earth's surface, a mile and a half from the cave entrance, in a narrow, twisting rock funnel whose cold walls had grasped his body in a deadly vise. He had the will to live, but no air to breathe.

The two doctors took a last look 35 feet down the crevice where Moss stood wedged tight, and then called off one of the greatest cave rescue attempts in history.

For a mile and a half, the words "he's dead" passed from mouth to mouth of 50 rescue workers lying on their stomachs in the mud and cold of the cave to the hundreds of persons waiting around the entrance.

Not since Floyd Collins died in a Kentucky cave in 1925 has such a gigantic rescue attempt been organized.

HOW CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALS

RADIO CFUN 1410 k.c. 8.45 a.m. — SUNDAY — RADIO KVI 570 k.c. 10.15 a.m.

TV Chan. 11 KTNT, Sunday, 1 p.m.

15 Per Cent Raise Accepted at Jubilee

Registered nurses at Royal Jubilee Hospital voted Monday on an offer of a 15-per-cent wage increase, bringing the basic wage to $275 a month.

They asked for $280 a month but the nurses' bargaining committee took back to their members an offer by the board of administration to make smaller increase retroactive to Jan. 1.

The offer includes a five-per-cent wage increase next year. Present basic wage is about $260 a month.

Mrs. Noel Donaldson, chairman of the staff bargaining committee, refused to disclose the result of the vote by the hospital's nursing staff of 175.

Mrs. Evelyn Hood of Vancouver, bargaining agent for the Registered Nurses' Association of B.C., who headed the negotiations, indicated the results might be released today.

Disqualification Lifted March 15

Benefits Have Started For Striking Loggers

OTTAWA (CP) — Workers laid off because of the Newfoundland loggers' strike have been eligible for normal unemployment insurance benefits since March 15, Labor Minister Starr said Tuesday.

Replying in the Commons to J. W. Pickersgill, Liberal MP for the Newfoundland constituency of Bonavista-Twillingate, he said unemployment insurance regulations disqualify workers put out of work as a result of a strike.

However, any disqualification imposed on Newfoundland loggers for this reason had been lifted as of March 15, when it was learned that the company involved was back on normal production.

Meanwhile, president Claude Jodoin of the Canadian Labor Congress accused Newfoundland Premier Smallwood of "utter and deliberate misrepresentation of Mr. Jodoin's stand in connection with the Newfoundland loggers' strike.

He was commenting on a statement Friday in the Newfoundland legislature by the premier, who said he had intervened at the request of Mr. Jodoin and other labor officials.

Mr. Jodoin said in a statement that he had asked the premier in January to "use his good offices" to bring about an agreement between the International Woodworkers of America and the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company, under Newfoundland's existing laws.

In Corner Brook, Nfld., it was learned that representatives of 20 western Newfoundland unions will meet at nearby Deer Lake Thursday to discuss support for the IWA.

It is believed the closed meetings will also discuss plans for a mass meeting of trade union members here.

PIONEER ACT

The first road-building act in the United States was passed in Virginia in 1632, for highways to be "layed out in convenient places."

Three-Year Plan

Press Employees Help Jubilee Drive

Employees of Victoria Press Ltd. have launched a drive to collect contributions for the new Royal Jubilee Hospital building fund.

The hospital is seeking $410,000 in contributions from the general public towards a new wing for the badly overcrowded hospital, to cost more than $2,000,000.

Employees of Woodward Stores Ltd. and Island Tug and Barge Ltd. have already made major donations to the fund.

Collection at Victoria Press is being organized by the Victoria Press employees' social club with employees donating by cash, lump payroll deduction or monthly deduction over a period up to three years.

The fund collection will be carried out from today through next Tuesday.

An appeal to all employees to support the hospital building fund was issued by Jim McCague, president of the social club.

Funeral Saturday For Flora Lawson

Funeral services for Flora Lawson, 309 Linden, will be held at 3.15 p.m. Saturday at McCall's chapel. Dr. J. Lewis McLean will officiate.

Miss Lawson, 91, died at her home yesterday morning. She was the last remaining daughter of the late Henry and Flora Lawson. Mr. Lawson was editor of The Daily Colonist during the 1890s and Miss Maria Lawson, a sister, edited the Colonist children's page for many years.

Miss Lawson is survived by nephews Thomas Norris, QC, of Vancouver; George Norris of White Rock; Harry L. Smith of Victoria, and a niece, Mrs. Edgar Browne of Victoria.

Burial will be at Colwood.

Ship Calendar

NAVY

HMCS Kootenay returns this afternoon; New Waterford returns Sunday.

MERCHANT SHIPPING

Victoria—Priesland, Peter Neilsen, King Alexander, Lakemba.
Nanaimo—Imme Oldendorff, Margareta.
Tahsis—Shinsei Maru.
Crofton—Gravenshoe.
Harmac—Dongedyk.
Alberni—Kongsholm, Haldor Virik, Andros Citadel.

Weather Forecast

March 25, 1959

Cloudy, with rain beginning this morning. Cooler. Winds southeast 20, shifting to southwest around noon. Precipitation Tuesday, nil. Sunshine, 1 hour, 36 minutes.

Recorded Temperatures

High 56 Low 40

Forecast Temperatures

High 48 Low 40

Sunrise 6.08 Sunset 6.33

East Coast of Vancouver Island—Cloudy, with rain ending by noon. Winds southeast 15. High and low at Nanaimo, 50 and 40.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Gale warning. Cloudy, with rain showers. Winds decreasing to southwest 20. High and low at Estevan Point, 48 and 40.

TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.	Precip.
St. John's	20	48	.15
Halifax	35	39	--
Montreal	19	38	--
Ottawa	16	39	--
Toronto	30	49	--
North Bay	21	37	--
Kenora	18	42	--
Winnipeg	12	37	--
Brandon	23	41	--
The Pas	4	37	--
Regina	26	40	trace
Saskatoon	31	42	.02
Prince Albert	14	40	.03
North Battleford	28	43	.03
Swift Current	29	41	--
Medicine Hat	25	46	--
Lethbridge	22	46	--
Calgary	18	44	--
Edmonton	24	45	--
Kimberley	15	47	--
Crescent Valley	24	49	--
Kaslo	24	49	--
Grand Forks	28	54	--
Kamloops	23	57	--
Penticton	34	50	--
Vancouver	36	53	--
Victoria	40	56	--
Prince Rupert	29	48	--
Prince George	15	47	--
Whitehorse	-13	32	--
Seattle	40	55	--
Portland	44	59	trace
San Francisco	50	61	--
Los Angeles	55	68	--
Spokane	30	55	--
Chicago	41	74	--
New York	38	65	--

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
	H.M.	Ft.	H.M.	Ft.	H.M.	Ft.	H.M.	Ft.
24	02.26	8.1	08.38	4.3	14.23	7.7	20.46	3.8
25	02.57	8.3	09.28	3.5	15.21	7.6	21.25	4.4
26	03.30	8.6	10.10	2.8	16.23	7.4	22.07	5.0
27	04.05	8.7	10.59	2.3	17.32	7.2	22.49	5.7
28	04.4[illegible]	8.7	11.51	2.1	19.46	7.1	23.36	6.4
29	05.20	8.6	12.46	2.0	21.48	7.3		
30	00.26	6.9	06.00	8.4	13.45	2.1	23.00	7.5
31	01.30	7.4	06.44	8.1	14.49	2.2		
April								
1	00.11	7.7	08.13	7.3	07.52	7.7	15.54	2.7
2	01.11	7.[illegible]	09.02	7.1	08.33	7.3	16.58	3.1
3	01.54	7.7	06.07	6.5	10.55	7.2	17.54	3.3
4	02.05	7.5	06.53	6.0	12.01	7.1	18.42	3.7
5	01.32	7.6	07.32	5.2	13.00	7.0	19.26	4.1
6	01.48	7.7	08.08	4.5	13.53	7.0	20.05	4.5

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
	H.M.	Ft.	H.M.	Ft.	H.M.	Ft.	H.M.	Ft.
24	04.35	11.1	10.38	5.3	16.46	10.2	22.36	5.0
25	05.08	11.2	11.18	4.3	17.47	10.4	23.21	5.7
26	05.34	11.2	12.01	3.6	18.48	10.5		
27	00.08	6.5	06.05	11.1	12.46	3.0	19.54	10.6
28	00.56	7.4	06.40	11.0	13.36	2.7	21.03	10.6
29	01.51	8.1	07.16	10.7	14.28	2.6	22.17	10.5
30	02.06	8.7	07.57	10.2	15.25	2.4	23.45	10.4
31	04.39	8.8	08.50	9.8	16.28	3.2		
Apr.								
1	00.47	10.[illegible]	06.19	8.6	09.58	9.2	17.34	3.5
2	01.45	10.7	06.35	8.1	11.32	8.9	18.40	3.9
3	02.31	10.7	06.50	7.4	13.06	8.7	19.40	4.3
4	03.07	10.6	09.10	6.7	14.27	8.8	20.34	4.7
5	03.39	10.5	09.45	6.0	15.32	9.1	21.21	5.2
6	04.03	10.3	10.17	5.3	16.30	9.4	22.04	5.7

Today's Events

Annual meeting of **Silver Threads Service** with resolution to authorize membership of organizations interested in problems of aged and showing of film "Such a Busy Day Tomorrow," about a day centre for aged, at 8 p.m., Spencer-house, 1951 Cook . . . Rt. Rev. Stephen F. Bayne, Bishop of Olympia, addresses **English Speaking Union**, Victoria branch, on "The Cross and the Commonwealth," at 8 p.m. in Douglas Building cafeteria, Douglas and Elliott.

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